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TOPIC Construction Work on the Vac-Aszod Railroad Line

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1. The construction of a new double-track railroad line connecting Vacratot and Aszod (northeast of Budapest) was started in the spring of 1949. At the same time work was started on the laying of a second track on the Vac-Vacratot line section which was then single-track. It was observed that the 12-meter rails of this line were being replaced by rails 33 meters long. The trackage at the Vacratot railroad station is being increased to a total of seven tracks. The new line is to have two stops. November 1950 is the target date for completion of the project. \*

- 25X1 \* [REDACTED] Comment. The new double-track railroad line between Aszod and Vacratot will establish a direct connection between the double-track Miskolc-Hatvan-Budapest and the Budapest-Bratislava (Pressburg) trunk lines without touching the Budapest railroad junction. The elimination of this railroad bottleneck and militarily vulnerable junction will result in considerable advantages for Hungarian and Soviet East-West traffic. It is probable that this important construction project was started on Soviet initiative. [REDACTED]

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